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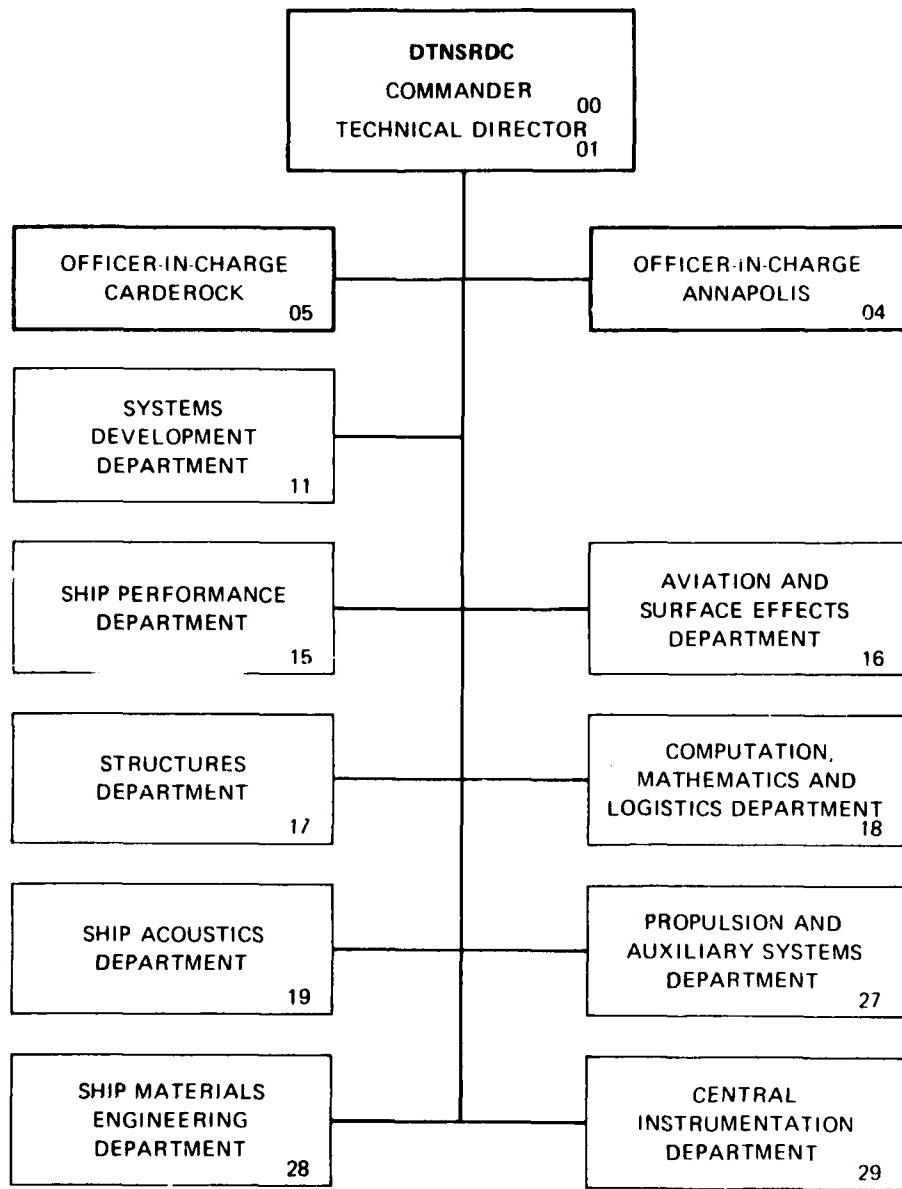
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## ABSTRACT

Experiments were performed with a 1:25.682-scale model of the AO 177 to determine the effect of bow-down trim on the resistance of the hull. The three full-scale trim conditions represented were 1.5-foot (0.46 m) trim by the stern, 1.0-foot (0.3 m) trim by the bow, and 3.5-foot (1.07 m) trim by the bow. The results indicate a small increase in resistance at the 21.5-knot design speed with increasing trim by the bow.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## INTRODUCTION

The contract design of the AO 177 Auxiliary Oiler represented by DTNSRDC Model 5326 was designed to have an at-rest trim of 1.5 feet (0.46 m) by the stern. The design displacement is 27,390 tons (27 820 metric tons), at a mean draft of 22.5 feet (6.9 m). When the ship was launched, it assumed an at-rest trim of approximately 3.5 feet (1.1 m) by the bow. The Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA 3213) initiated a model test program in the Ship Performance Department at DTNSRDC to determine the effects of such a change in trim on both the effective power requirements and the maneuvering characteristics of the AO 177 hull. The Design Evaluation Branch (Code 1524) was tasked to perform model resistance experiments at 3 trim conditions to determine changes in drag due to the trim. The Surface Ship Dynamics Branch (Code 1568) was tasked to perform turning and maneuvering experiments to determine the effects of bow-down trim on maneuvering characteristics of AO 177.

This report presents a brief description of the model and experimental conditions for the resistance experiments. The results showing drag increase with bow-down trim are presented. The results of the turning and maneuvering experiments will be presented in a separate report.

#### DESCRIPTION OF MODEL AND EXPERIMENTS

DTNSRDC Model 5326-1 represents the AO 177 to a scale ratio of 25.682. For the resistance experiments reported herein the model was fitted with rudder, bilge keels and the final design bulbous bow configuration. Additional details of model configuration are presented in Reference (1).

The model was ballasted to the design displacement representing 27,390 tons (27,820 metric tons) and trimmed to represent 3 trim conditions: 1.5 feet (0.46 m) trim by the stern, 1.0 feet (0.3 m) trim by the bow and 3.5 feet (1.1 m) trim by the bow. Resistance experiments were performed on towing Carriage 1 in the deep water basin of DTNSRDC, using standard equipment and procedures.

#### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The results of the resistance experiments are presented in Tables 1 through 3 and Figure 1. Effective power predictions have been made using the 1957 ITTC Ship-Model Correlation Line and a correlation allowance of 0.0005. Full scale effective power predictions are for the ship operating in smooth, deep salt water at 15° Celsius. Still-air drag and service margin have not been added to these effective power predictions. The effect of trim on resistance may be determined from comparison of the straightforward extrapolation of model experimental data, since wind drag and service margin corrections would merely be constant values added to all of the experimental data.

Table 4 assembles the effective horsepower predictions for all three trim conditions in the speed range from 18 to 22 knots. The predictions of effective power at the design speed of 21.5 knots have been plotted as a function of trim in Figure 2.

The resistance of the AO 177 hull at the design condition (1.5 foot (0.46 m) trim by the stern) repeated results of earlier experiments.<sup>1</sup> The resistance

<sup>1</sup> References are listed on page 4 .

of the hull with the large bow-down trim of 3.5 feet (1.1 m) increased by approximately one and one half percent at the 21.5 knot design speed. The resistance of the hull with 1.0 foot (0.3 m) trim by the bow is only one-half percent higher than the resistance at the design condition. The small change in resistance is shown in Figures 1 and 2. From the data presented in these figures and in the tables it may be concluded that the effects of the bow-down trim on the resistance of the AO 177 hull are small.

The accuracy of the experimental measurements is approximately plus or minus one and one half percent, so the differences shown in these results are less than or equal to the inaccuracy of measurement. Nevertheless, the experiments showed a consistent trend of increasing resistance with increasing trim by the bow. This trend is considered valid.

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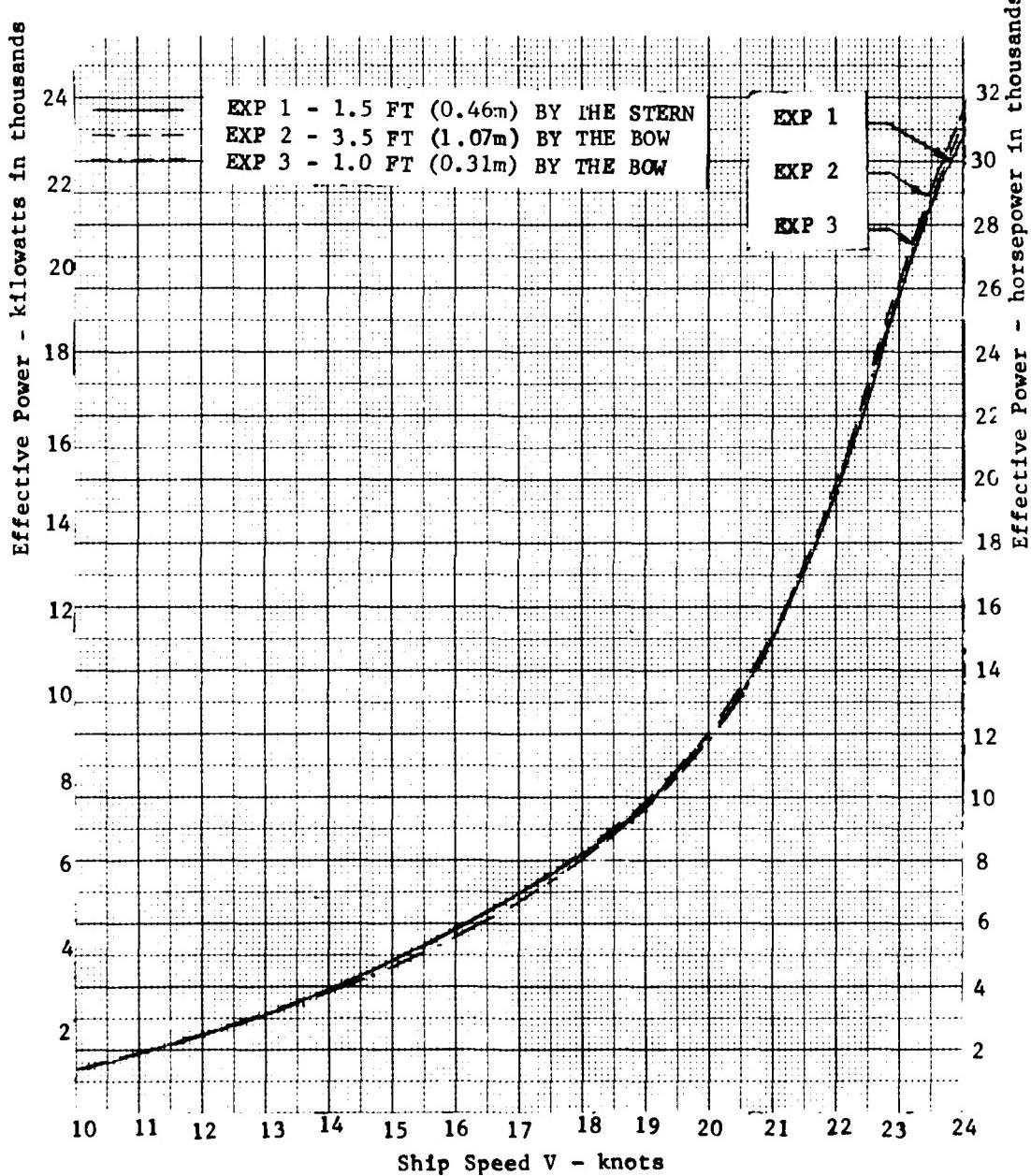


FIGURE 1 - Effective Powering Predictions for AO 177 represented by Model 5326,  
at Design Displacement and three trimmed conditions

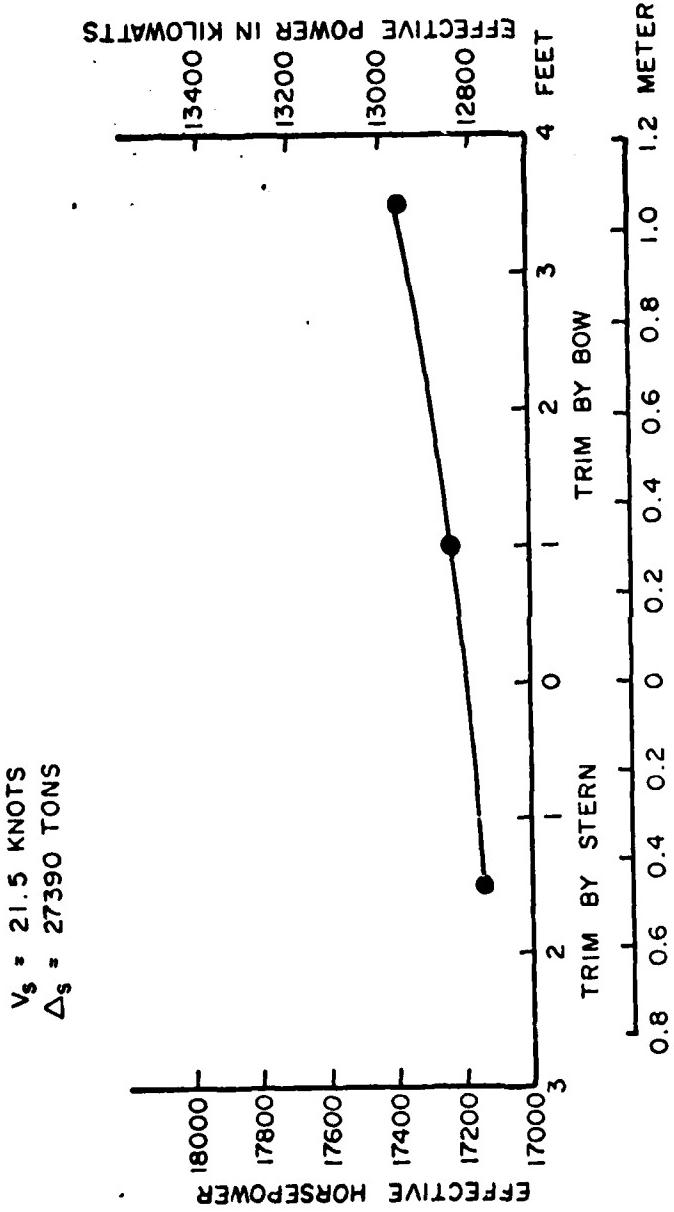


Figure 2 - Effective Power Requirement for AO 177 at 21.5 Knots in Various Trim Conditions

TABLE 1 - EXPECTIVE POWERING PREDICTIONS FOR AO 177 REPRESENTED BY MODEL 5326,  
DESIGN DISPLACEMENT, TRIMMED 1.5 FT (0.46m) BY THE STEERN

TABLE 2 - EFFECTIVE POWERING SECTION CORDS FOR AO 177 REPRESENTED BY MODELS 5326,  
DESIGN DISPLACEMENT TRIMMED 3.5 FT (1.07 m) BY THE BOW

SHIP		L'S LENGTH		560.64 FT (170.9 M)		21.83 FT (6.654 M)							
WFTTEN SURFACE		63021.50 FT (5855.50 M)		95.55 SG = T (9.88 SG M)		1.57 TONS (1.60 T)							
DISPLACEMENT		27885.TONS (27825. T)											
LINEAR RATIO ITTC FRICTION LINE CORRELATION ALLOWANCE (CA) : 00050													
25.632													
K-OTS	W/S	HP	KW	H	KW	FN	W/L						
VS		PE	FRICTIONAL POWER				1000002						
10.00	5.14	1455.8	1085.3	1145.9	854.5	126	.422						
12.00	5.17	2483.2	1451.7	1945.0	1451.1	151	.507						
14.00	7.20	3907.8	2914.1	3045.7	2271.2	176	.591						
16.00	9.23	5813.3	4335.0	4490.5	3349.5	201	.676						
18.00	9.26	8275.7	6171.2	6325.1	4716.5	226	.760						
20.00	9.77	9674.0	7213.9	7402.4	5520.0	239	.802						
21.00	10.29	11153.0	8439.8	8593.9	6409.4	251	.845						
21.50	11.55	13291.7	9911.6	9234.1	6845.9	254	.861						
21.00	11.90	15241.7	11365.7	9904.9	7396.1	264	.891						
21.50	11.06	17374.9	12556.4	10605.9	7909.4	270	.908						
22.00	11.32	19805.5	14769.7	11340.9	8456.9	276	.929						
21.00	11.93	26063.0	19435.2	12907.4	9625.1	289	.971						
21.00	12.35	31590.9	23549.9	14609.1	10894.9	302	1.014						

TABLE 3 - EFFECTIVE POWERING PREDICTIONS FOR AO 177 REPRESENTED BY MODEL 5326,  
DESIGN DISPLACEMENT, TRIMMED 1.0 FT (0.31m) BY THE BOW

SHIP LENGTH WETTED SURFACE DISPLACEMENT	560.64 FT (170.9 M) 62880.0 SQ FT (5842.0 SQ M) 27386.0 TONS (27825.0 T)	MODEL 21.83 FT (6.654 M) 95.34 SQ FT (8.86 SQ M) 1.57 TONS (1.60 T)		
		LINEAR RATIO ITTC FRICTION LINE CORRELATION ALLOWANCE (CA)	0.00050	25.692
VS	PE	Frictional Power FN	V-L	1000CP
KNOTS	W/S	HP	KW	KW
10.00	5.14	1453.5	1083.9	1143.3
12.00	6.17	2477.6	1847.6	1941.6
14.00	7.20	3890.1	2900.8	3038.9
16.00	8.23	5745.5	4285.2	4480.4
18.00	9.26	8206.1	6119.3	6310.9
19.00	9.77	9573.5	7139.0	7385.9
20.00	10.29	11686.4	8714.5	8574.6
20.50	10.55	13163.0	9815.6	9213.4
21.00	10.80	15101.1	11260.9	9882.7
21.50	11.06	17221.8	12842.3	10583.2
22.00	11.32	19629.1	14636.7	11315.5
23.00	11.83	25959.1	19356.9	12878.5
24.00	12.35	31374.1	23395.6	14577.2

TABLE 4

COMPARISON OF EFFECTIVE POWER PREDICTIONS FOR AO 177  
 REPRESENTED BY MODEL 5326, DESIGN DISPLACEMENT, FULLY  
 APPENDED, AT THREE TRIMMED CONDITIONS: 1.5 X FT X STERN,  
 3.5 FT X BOW, AND 1.0 FT X BOW

V-KNOTS	EXP 1	EXP 2	EXP 3
	$P_E - h_p$	$P_E - h_p$	$P_E - h_p$
	1.5 FT X STERN	3.5 FT X BOW	1.0 FT X BOW
18.0	8120	8276	8206
20.0	11728	11853	11686
20.5	13221	13292	13163
21.0	15030	15242	15101
21.5	17140	17375	17222
22.0	19629	19807	19628

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